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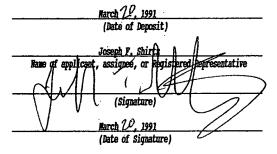
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For

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR VAPOR STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES

HAVING LUMENS

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 26, 1990, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 11 and 20 as follows:

(Amended) A device for delivering antimicrobial vapor to the 11. lumen of an article during solution vapor sterilization, said device comprising a vessel for containing an antimicrobial solution and having an opening therein, and means for connecting said opening of said vessel to said lumen said vessel being closed to the ambient atmosphere except through such opening.